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This application is a 35 U.S.C. 371 national stage filing of, and claims priority to, International Application No. PCT/DE01/02486, filed June 30, 2001, which in turn claims priority to German Patent Application No. 100 33 166.1 filed on July 7, 2000 in Germany. The contents of the aforementioned applications are hereby incorporated by reference.

REMARKS

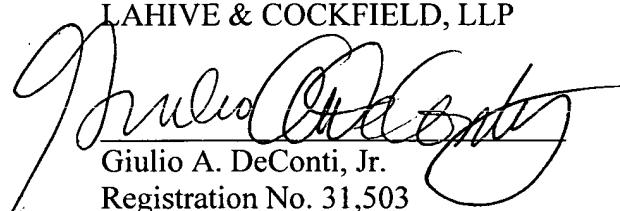
Preliminary to examination of this application, please insert the aforementioned paragraph at the beginning of the specification. The above amendment introduces no new subject matter.

Entry of the foregoing Second Preliminary Amendment is in order and requested.

If there are any questions regarding the proposed amendments to the application, we invite the Examiner to call Applicant's representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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